

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY

U. S. A.

Greetings:

I have just made a discovery - you have overlooked payment of your 1968 O.T.A.C.S. dues.

As you know, dues are \$3.00. This is your passport to our annual party-meeting where you will greet old friends and make new ones. We are always happy to have your spouse, though not a past Assay Commission member. Just make your check for \$5.00 instead of \$3.00 and you are all set for fun for both of you.

Since we spend all funds on the party, we do not advertise or otherwise publicize our organization. This letter is your reminder to bring your membership to date. Just fill in, detach and mail the form printed below. Why not do it today?

Your new officers elected at the 1967 Miami meeting are:

Honorary Chairman; Miss Eva Adams Honorary Asst. Chairman; Mrs. P. M. Williams
Chief Assayer (Pres.); A. I. Martin Chief Counter (Sec.); Mrs. Dan (Thelma) Brown
Chief Weigher (Treas.); Mrs. John (Bernie); Gabarron

We are working to advance our organization's purpose: To promote fraternal comradship among past Assay Commission members through our annual get together.

President Martin is busy compiling a yearbook that will be a treasured memento. I know you will want to be listed in the roster, so be sure to renew your membership by June 1st. This information packed booklet will be presented at the party. If you cannot attend the August meeting - heaven forbid the thought - your copy will be mailed.

Member Bill Louth, as "Keeper of the Medals Vault", is again preparing the attendance medal. These will surely become collectors' items since only 50 to 75 differently designed medals are presented each year. Be sure to get yours - attend the August party.

Sincerely yours,

Thelma J. Brown
OTACS Secretary Thelma J. Brown

3070 So. Franklin
Denver, Colorado 80210

Remittance enclosed for the following (check one)

☒ \$3.00 for 1968 dues or ☐ \$5.00 for 1968 dues and spouse's party passport.

Mr.; Mrs.; Miss;

Print or type as you want membership card to read

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Make check payable to O.T.A.C.S. Mail with this form to:

Mrs. John J. Gabarron, 210 North 32nd St. Lincoln, Neb. 68503

You will receive membership card and meeting information. Remember June 1st deadline.

P.S. If you have already paid your 1968 dues, just let us know so we can correct records.

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Iola, Wisconsin 54945

June 16, 1971

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.
63105

Dear Eric:

As chairman of the nominating committee for OTACS, I have been asked to ask your acceptance of the office of Chief Assayer for the term of August 1971 to August 1972.

This is actually the president of the group whose prime responsibility is to set up our meeting in New Orleans in 1972.

I do hope you can accept this nomination.

Sincerely,



Chester L. Krause
Publisher

CLK/mm

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 21, 1971

Mr. Chester L. Krause
Krause Publications, Inc.
Iola, Wisconsin 54945

Dear Chet:

You were nice to ask me to be Chief Assayer for OTACS and since there is absolutely nothing to do but to have fun, I am glad to accept. I expect you and the group who really does the work, to set up the party and I think I could be quite a drawing card if I promise not to speak.

I think it would be fun to assay the Mardi gras medals and to decree that they are made of creole gumbo, etc.

Thank you for asking me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

VAL C. MOGENSEN
~~723 Sunset Place~~
~~New Orleans, La 70124~~
10521 Almayo Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif. 90064

September 3, 1971

Mr. Chester L. Krause, Publisher
Krause Publications, Inc.
Iola, Wisconsin 54945

Dear Chet --

You wrote me on June 16th as chairman of the nominating committee of the Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society asking if I would accept the position of Chief Weigher for next year. I replied on June 23rd and stated that I would accept with pleasure.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the ANA convention in Washington, and I hope you received the note stating that I would not attend the OTACS meeting. I had asked Maury Gould to place such a note in your mail box at the hotel.

I have not as yet heard who the OTACS officers will be for the coming year. If you have a list of those elected, I would appreciate receiving a copy.

Many thanks, and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Val C. Mogensen

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 28, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lefman
412 South Van Brunt Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64124

Dear Greeters:

It is time for the OTACS to get rolling for the coming year so you might wish to dust off your file. It is probably covered with Holiday cookies, Christmas cards, and what-have-you.

First, I must tell you that all your friends admired you for having been able to compress hundreds of friends into your hotel cell for your convention parties and no one can imagine how it feels until they are compressed a few times. Thanks, again, for your thoughtfulness in asking one who needs compression.

It might be a good idea to get the OTACS mailing out early in January. It could try to collect dues for 1972. It should arrange for orders for the 1972 silver medals as well as for the 1970 silver medals which were forgotten. I presume we must set a dead line for the silver medal orders. If the date is set for our meeting, you might mention it. In any event, let's make it funny.

I think it would be nice to write to the other officers for the year to ask them to make funny talks or to bring along funny souvenirs, or to make comic presentations in order to liven up the affair.

I am enclosing a list of the officers for your convenience.

Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

CC:
Mr. Val C. Mogensen
10521 Almayo Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90064

Eva Adams & Emory New

Washington 1971

Virginia Culver

Betty Lefman & Emory New

Washington 1971

OTACS ^{for} 1972

- 7 Chief Bureau
- 6 Staff Committee
- 5 Chief Accounting
- 4 Chief of Medal Vault
- 3 Chief of Statistics
- 2 Chief Greeter
- 1 Keeper of Pyx

Eric P. Newman
Keeson Hendrickson
Val C. Thompson
Bill South.
Polly Dodson
The Roy Lefmans
Mary Brooks

Counter
Pyx

Polly Dodson
The Roy Lefmans

VAL C. MOGENSEN

~~713-Bureau Place~~

~~NEW ORLEANS, LA 70002~~

10521 Almayo Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif. 90004

January 6, 1972

Dear Eric --

It is a pleasure to serve as an officer of OTACS under your most capable direction. I look forward with pleasure to my term as Chief Weigher.

I would, however, like some information as to what is expected of me. At the moment I haven't the foggiest notion. I have no books, records, names, addresses, etc. Perhaps you might ask the former Chief Weigher to fill me in. In any event, I need guidance.

Best wishes for a happy, healthful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



Mr. Eric F. Newman, Chief Assayer
Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

OTACS OFFICERS FOR 1972

Chief Assayer	Eric P. Newman
Chief Counter	Kenn Henderson
Chief Weigher	Val C. Mogensen
Chief of Medal Vault	Bill South
Chief of Statistics	Polly Dodson
Chief Greeters	The Ray Lefmans
Keeper of Pyx	Mary Brooks

412 South Van Buren
Kansas City, Mo. 64128

Dear Commissioner:

Please fill in the blank squared as to your wishes for the medals and dues for the year 1972.

☐ YES, enclosed find payment for 1970 Silver Medal at \$12.00

☐ YES, enclosed find payment for 1972 Silver Medal at \$12.00

☐ YES, I'll be in New Orleans for the 1972 meeting.

~~Enclosed find my dues payment (\$5.00 per member, \$5.00 per couple).~~

\$300.00 in Wash. - R.L.

Every member attending the meeting will receive the usual Bronze medal, but those wishing to receive the silver medals need to send me the twelve dollars in advance. The silver medals will be delivered at the meeting in New Orleans. Those members who do not attend may order the silver medal and it will be mailed to them.

Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Fraternally,

Ray O. Hoffman

Ray O. Hoffman
412 South Van Buren Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri
64128

Dear David Clayton

THIS LETTER YOU ARE RECEIVING IS BEING GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION.
IT WILL BE THE FIRST DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE WHICH THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE
THIS YEAR. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE COLLECTING THE SILVER DOLLARS, YOU
WILL REMEMBER THAT A DOLLAR WAS NOT MADE (IN CIRCULATION) FOR 1970.
WE WILL NOW TAKE YOUR ORDERS FOR THIS MEDAL ALONG WITH YOUR ORDERS FOR THE 1972
ISSUE.

THE ENCLOSED SHEET IS TO BE USED FOR FILLING THE NECESSARY
AMOUNT TO COVER YOUR ORDER FOR MEDALS AND ALSO PAY YOUR DUES, IF
NOT ALREADY PAID.

PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING FOR A LEAVE TIME IN THE SUMMER THIS
AUGUST. LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST YET!!!!

YOUR NEW CIVIL SERVANT WHO WAS CHOSEN IN WASHINGTON, IS VERY
BUSY TRYING TO GET THE FILES IN ORDER AND TRY NOT TO HAVE AS MUCH
CONFUSION AS IN THE PAST. THIS OFFICE WAS DECIDED TO TAKE PER-
MANENT POSSESSION OF THE FILES AND NOT BE HANDLED TO A NEW OWNER
EVERY YEAR. I SHALL TRY TO DO THE BEST I CAN.

YOUR RETURN SHOULD BE IN MY HANDS BY THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE
OF THIS YEAR. I SHALL BE LEAVING THE COUNTRY FOR AFRICA THE
MIDST OF JUNE AND NOT RETURN UNTIL AUGUST THE FIRST. THE MEDAL
AND COMPANY MUST HAVE YOUR ORDER BEFORE AUGUST ONE. THEREFORE,
YOU MUST GET YOUR ORDER TO ME BEFORE THE DEADLINE. THE COMPANY
HAS INSTRUCTED ME THAT THERE WILL BE NO BACK ORDERS.

HOPE I HEAR FROM YOU BY RETURN MAIL.

FRATERNALLY

Ray C. Lefman
312 SOUTH VAN BRUNT BLVD.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
64112

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY
U. S. A.

2-13-1972

Dear Mr. President:

Yes, its past time for the OTACS to get on the ball and start rolling. I've been quite busy with school work but now have things going a little toward the convention in New Orleans.

I finally got most of the papers from Dorothy and things are in a terrible state. It will take days to straighten them out.

I shall write to the General Chairman today telling him that we want a room reserved following the Educational meeting. I imagine that the date will be Aug. 17, Thursday. The Ed. meetings are generally on Thursday evening. Also ask him to list the meeting in the program.

Had a letter from Bill Louth and he suggests that we start now on the 72 medal order. He did not say to have a dead line, so I'll write him today asking his ideas. He has orders for three more 71s and that will finish that issue.

I have written to Mrs. Brooks asking her for a list of this years members so that I can get an invitation letter to join to them as soon as possible.

Your idea for the fun part of the party is terrific-----only drawback is that its so damn hard to get the prows attention for such things. Lets try something regardless. Then too, it will require a large room with more chairs than usual, but I'm sure I can arrange such.

No other news at this time----our bank balance is a little over a hundred bucks and a great deal more will be forthcoming after my letter to the members.

Let me hear----when you have time.

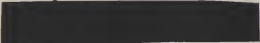
Cordially,

Ray O.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 28, 1972

Mr. Ray Lefman


Dear Ray:

I am hopeful that your letter to the OTACS will go out very soon. I would send it out to the regular group, even if you do not have all of the addresses of the new commissioners. You can get to them later.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Kansas City, Mo.
2-27-1972

Dear Eric, Korm, Val & Bill;

Here is a quick report from you~~X~~ "Chief Civil Servant"

Thanks for you letters and to you Korm, it was good to hear from you in regard to getting things rolling. I have written to the General Chairman in New Orleans to have our get together listed in the ANA Program. To you Bill-----I shall be getting letters to all members so they may have a chance to order the medals in Silver. The cut off date will be set up a few weeks because Betty and I are making plans for a trip to Africa June 12 and be gone for six weeks. It will still give everyone time (three months) to place their orders.

Our treasury stand at about \$105.00 and we have taken in \$201 in dues for 1972-----by this you can see that some of the money taken in advance at the party last year was used to pay for the Medals and also the party. I shall try very hard to promote this years party with the money that I receive but with the medal costing \$2.00 I do not see how we can continue to operate for the present amount of dues. And we certainly cannot ask Bill Louth to donate the deer medal. I'm suggesting to you that starting with the 1973 dues that they be raised to \$5.00 per member (who receives the deer medal) and \$7.50 per couple when only one is a member of OTACS. How does this sound to you?

In my letter to the membership I shall include a notice that all who are interested may order the 1970 medal in silver along with the 1972. Some how somebody goofed to not have a medal in silver for those who wanted one. I'm sure that those who ordered all five at once will be wanting a 1970 issue. The medals will still be \$12.00 each and I'm sure Bill is doing this for the good of the Society.

Bill-----I'm positive that our account with you is paid up in full but I received a letter from Dorothy G. and she states that we need four more of the 1971 silver medal. I presume they have been said for and the money is in the \$105.00 we have in the bank. I suggest you make them and send to me and I shall send them out to the persons who claim they said. Then that will be the end of the medal for 1971 unless you want to make one or two as people want them. From your letter I feel that you do not want this and I suggest that we cut off orders for past silver medals.

Eric-----have you thought any more as to the message you want to send to the membership along with my letter reminding them that the dues are due? Will be glad to include anything you might want to send out.

In looking over the files I find that many members have not paid all years dues. This I'm sure is because they only pay when they alien to be at the party. Can't blame them too much for this but it means writing to lots of people who will not send dues. We have quite an odd group when it comes to dues money. I shall try to get all I can and write to many who have not paid for the past few years. In fact I think I'll write to all who have ever been a member. O.K.?

Nothing more today-----Let me hear from you arente if you have suggestions or what you, as officers, want me to do.

Fraternelly, *Larry O.*

VAL C. MOGENSEN
10521 ALMAYO AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90064

March 26, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Chief Assayer
Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric --

On January 6th I wrote you requesting information as to what is expected of me as Chief Weigher of OTACS for 1972. No reply was received.

I mentioned then that I did not have the foggiest notion as to what the duties and responsibilities of this office might be. I still don't. But I would like to update this statement by changing "foggiest" to "smoggiest." It seems more appropriate for a resident of Los Angeles.

Our next meeting is in New Orleans in August -- less than five months away. May I hear from you?

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Val', is written above a horizontal line.

VAL C. MOGENSEN

10521 ALMAYO AVENUE

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Val', with a horizontal line underneath it.

RAY O. LEFMAN
412 SO. VAN BRUNT BLVD.
KANSAS CITY, MO. 64124

Aug 8 - 1972

Dear Eric -

Just returned last Fri. from
our 8 week trip in Spain, Italy,
Sicily, Morocco, Mali & France.

I covered everything (I hope)
before I left. Have all medals
Silver & bronze ordered (Silver's
all paid for) and I'm sure we
will have a big turnout. The
party will be at 9 P.M. Thurs.
Aug 17.

Had a bushel of mail here
and will take all this week
to catch up.

Will be in N.O. on Sunday
at noon - See you there.

Best easy - everything is
under control.

Regards
Ray O.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

81st Anniversary Convention
New Orleans, Louisiana • August 15-19, 1972



AUCTION

Mr. Max Humbert

*Write your address
in Lafayette*

*Jimmy Hayes
P.O. Box 4009
Lafayette, Louisiana
70501*

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OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY

U. S. A.

5-11-76

Dear Eric -

Certainly did enjoy
your presentation in
Chicago - Only been
collecting 45 years but
always learn something.
Your talk was terrific!

Fraternally
Lay O.

Leffman

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY

U. S. A.

Dear Commissioner,

Thanks for your dues payment for 1977. Your membership card is enclosed. That said, I'd now like to ask you for some more money -- \$10, to be exact. This is why:

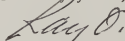
As you undoubtedly know, President Carter did not appoint any public members to the 1977 Assay Commission on the basis that it was a governmental "frill" that did not deserve to be continued. He estimated the cost ("waste"?) at \$2500, and even hinted that the Assay tradition might be discontinued altogether.

I certainly don't want to see that happen, and I'm sure you don't, either. One of the best ways to make sure that the Assay Commission continues is to see that it doesn't cost the government any money (for 1978, at least). How can we make sure of that? By paying for it ourselves.

So if you, along with all other OTACS members, will join me in contributing at least \$10, we'll be able to present President Carter with a check for \$2500 to meet his objections about the cost. Of course, he could go ahead and kill the Commission anyway, but he'd have to find some other reason to do it. (If he turns down the money, you'll get it back or applied to next year's dues.)

Please return your check to me in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. That will ensure that your name will be on the roll of those former Commissioners who believe in the tradition of the Assay Commission, as we present that and the check to the President.

Faternally yours,



Ray O. Lefman, Exec. Sec'y.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 7, 1977

Mr. Ray O. Lefman, Executive Secretary
Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society
412 South Van Brunt Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64124

Dear Ray:

I have your recent request for a contribution so that the government can be offered enough money to have the Assay Commission public appointments continued without any "out of pocket" cost to the government. I fully understand your logic, but I disagree strongly and feel that I should tell you rather than remain silent.

I believe that the time taken by members of Congress and their staffs to handle the appointment of Assay Commissioners is a waste of government business time and energy. That is the real cost. I like tradition, but I do not like pointless activities. There is no reason whatsoever for the public to test the coinage when coins have virtually no more intrinsic value than paper money.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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O. T. A. C. S.
OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY
U. S. A.

May 8, 1978

To the Members of the Old Time Assay Commission

Greetings:

At this time I would like to make the announcement that Mr. Ray Lefman, Executive Secretary of the OTACS organization, has asked me to take over his position as Executive Secretary and I have accepted.

Ray has been the Executive Secretary since its founding in 1964. Betty has been his Chief Assistant and together they have done a splendid job through the years and have made our annual get-togethers most memorial and enjoyable. I am sure that every member of OTACS who have participated have had a grand time on this one night of the year.

Following the format set by Betty and Ray, our annual meeting this year will be in Houston at the Astro Village Hotel in the Tower Rooms six through nine on Thursday, August 24th after the Educational Program.

There will be an increase in the annual dues for members of OTACS from five dollars to ten dollars. The reason for this increase is that no longer can we use modified dies from Medallion Art, but will have to go to new ones. This year the medal will be sculptured by Barbara Hyde and for the first time we will be paying her a small fee (about one-third of the normal price.) Other years she has done it gratis and we feel that we must remedy this. Also, Bill Louth is no longer with Medallion Arts so we will not have the cost only price he so kindly furnished us with. Our bronze medal will cost a minimum of five dollars and the balance of the money will go towards our annual party. Our medal this year will be an outstanding one. I have seen the preliminary drawings and it is beautiful.

In addition to the regular bronze medal for the members that attend the party, the silver medal will also be available to all members at a cost of \$27.50. This silver medal can be ordered whether you are there or not. Sorry to charge so much for this silver medal, but costs and silver are both up.

We have something new this year and we think that it is quite exciting. Barbara Hyde is also designing a new, smaller permanent medal about the size of a nickel and now we can wear this all through the convention to show that we belong to OTACS and not have to wait until Thursday night to wear our badge the remaining couple of days. It is being made so it can be placed upon the official convention ribbon or worn on a lapel or a dress. It will be a permanent medal that can be used year after year at all numismatic conventions. It will be made of bronze and heavily gold-plated. We think that you will like it. The cost will be \$5.00. We will be around the convention area from Sunday, the 20th until the following Sunday, the 27th. If you should wish to get your small badge before the Thursday night party, we will have them with us. You may also order this medal by mail.

We are looking forward to seeing our good friends, the members of OTACS, and to our gala party on the 24th of August in Houston.

Thelma J. Braver
President

Very cordially yours,

Daniel H. Brown
Executive secretary

P.S. Is this the correct address on the envelope? If not, please let us know.

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY

U. S. A.

June 16^{*} 1979

Dear Eric:

Received your nice note along with your check for attendance
and thanks for all.

I'll send your note to Ron Hallenbeck at A.N.A.
and he'll be most happy to get in touch with you.

Looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

Very Cordially yours

Don

From the Desk of

DAN BROWN

1532 BROADWAY • DENVER, COLO. 80202 • 861-8090

O.T.A.C.S.
DANIEL H. BROWN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
3070 SQ. FRANKLIN
DENVER, CO 80210

Dear Eric

Sorry you missed O.T.A.C.S. It was an excellent fun time with good food friends and fun.

Even tho you weren't there, I feel you should have your medal so am enclosing it here with. Keep it if you wish or I think you donated it to A.N.A. last year any-ways do as you wish with it.

Next year A.N.A. is early - July 27 to Aug. 2nd with our meeting around July 31st - Aug 1st. Hope you can make it.

Cordially
Dan



Sent via \$22.50 8/13/82

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY
U. S. A.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE -- THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1982, 9:30 P.M.
SHERATON-BOSTON HOTEL, FAIRFAX ROOM A ON THE CONFERENCE LEVEL

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Please fill in the blank spaces as to your wishes for medals and dues for year 1982 and return as soon as possible.

- ☐ I will be in Boston for the 1982 meeting.
- ☐ I will not attend, but am sending \$5.00 dues to help defray expenses of my membership.
- ☐ Enclosed find my dues of \$22.50 per Commissioner which includes the bronze attendance medal, dues, annual meeting and party.
- ☐ Enclosed find \$7.50 for each guest I wish to bring.
- ☐ Enclosed find \$37.50 for Silver Medal. (If it is to be mailed, please add \$1.50 for postage)

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING - JULY 15, 1982

ONLY COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING THE MEETING will receive the Bronze Medal. The cost is included in above \$22.50 per Commissioner. The Silver Medal will be given out at the meeting also. Those members not attending who ordered Silver Medals will receive them as soon after the 7th of September as possible.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fraternally,

Thelma - Dan
Thelma and Dan Brown
Executive Secretaries

3070 S. Franklin St.
Denver, Colorado 80210

7/28/82
Dear Eric
Hadn't heard from you so
thought I'd drop you a line
as you have been so faith-
ful in replying.
Do hope this finds you
enjoying the best of everything
as Thelma and I are doing.
Cordially
Dan

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY

U. S. A.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE -- THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 1983, 9:30 P.M.

TOWN AND COUNTRY HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., TIKI HUT ROOM

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Please fill in the blank spaces as to your wishes for medals and dues for year 1983 and return as soon as possible.

- ☐ I will be in San Diego for the 1983 Meeting.
- ☐ I will not attend, but am sending \$5.00 dues to help defray expenses of my membership.
- ☐ Enclosed find my dues of \$22.50 per Commissioner which includes the bronze attendance medal, dues, meeting and party.
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OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY
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Honorable Members:

The American Numismatic Association and Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society get together has come and gone. A.N.A. was busy and interesting as always. Exhibits were exceptional, foreign mint displays exciting, plenty of coins for sale, over four hundred dealers, and meetings were plentiful. All in all, it was a great show. The only trouble with the modern convention halls, and my finding it harder to walk, the distances get too great. It was a block to catch the shuttle bus, two blocks inside the convention hall to get to the coin bourse, that same distance getting back. Oh, for the olden days of everything in one compact area.

Our Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society party Friday night was super. It is probably the nicest social event of the whole convention for those who get to attend. It started about 9 P.M. with good fellowship, friends and members renewing old acquaintances. We also had our Honorary members that included two of our past Directors of the United States Mint: the Honorable Eva Adams and Honorable Mary Brooks, also Honorary member Honorable P.M. Williams. We were honored at our meeting with the presence of immediate Past President, Florence Schook, and incoming President Stephen Taylor of the American Numismatic Association; also Ruthann Brettell, Executive Director, as well as many other distinguished guests. Of course we had many of our members there and we always hope for everyone that can possibly come to be there.

About 10 P.M. a group of fifteen young girls, eight to fourteen years old, did forty minutes of clogging for entertainment. My! how they made their feet and legs go. They were very enthusiastically received and very well applauded for their interesting dancing.

Afterward the new officers were announced: Paul Whitnah, Chief Assayer; E. H. Bixler, Chief Counter; Reva Kline, Chief Weigher; Rita McAvoy, Chief of Statistics; Betty and Ray Lefman, Chief Greeters; and Thelma and Dan Brown, Executive Secretaries. We all kept on at our same salaries which is zero dollars and cents.

Our dear friends, Betty and Ray Lefman, missed being at A.N.A. for the first time in thirty years due to health as well as other problems at home. Our faithful couple, the E. Ward Russells, were there as always. Of course, there are all of the rest of our wonderful members who come and help make this a beautiful evening. The evening ended at midnight and a good time was had by all.

All of the above is the "rosy" part; now to go deeper into the "red" part! We are poor, in fact very poor. Unbeknown to us until after we had sent out the attendance, dues, and order sheet for the medals, we received a letter from Medallistic Arts as to their new prices for the bronze and silver medals; \$2.00 more for the bronze and "wow" \$10.00 more for the silver than past years. I called immediately and did get a reduction on the silver to \$7.75. On the overall picture over \$600 more than last year. Including die cost, the bronze cost us \$14.25; the silver \$42.00; then, such little things as cost of mailing bags, 50¢, increase in postage, and cost of typing and printing letters leaves us around \$750 in the hole.

For the first time we are suggesting a donation to our treasury, especially from those who received medals. This is entirely voluntary and not an assessment. We hope to do better next year and find out our cost ahead of time. Also, as we order fewer medals, the cost goes up. This year there were 55 silver and 75 bronze.

We are approaching our 25th Anniversary of Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society. Several items are being and have been discussed regarding continuation of our medals. We have had suggestions of a beautiful silver medal that could be worn at all future meetings. Dropping of the bronze medal, although we have had some wanting to keep it. The only trouble is cost. To keep the bronze only would entail cost of design - \$300 to \$500, dies for the same another \$400 or so, the small quantity, 75 or less, would mean a cost of around \$20 or more per bronze medal. Will enjoy hearing from our members on this. The price I mentioned is a minimum and could be higher. Also being discussed is a "Gala 25th Anniversary Party." Unless the A.N.A. changes plans, we should be in Pittsburgh in 1989 at anniversary time. My, how time flies 1964 - 1989.

We hope to get out a new membership booklet soon and will have all known address changes up to September 7 corrected. Any after that time we will send it in and hope its not too late. Either way, we will correct any changes here on our master list.

We wish all of you Health and Happiness through the coming year.


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Honorable Assay Commissioners:

Another ANA convention and OTACS meeting is behind us - having held our 30th gathering in Orlando Florida in August. The number was quite small, even though many more had made reservations.

Those present regretfully accepted the resignation of Dan and Thelma Brown as Executive Secretaries. They tell us they may not be attending future OTACS meetings, but time will tell. They have too many friends to pass up these annual social get-to-gethers.

We have been selected to pick up and take over where Dan and Thelma left off, and it will be a hard act to follow, but with the cooperation and support of the other Commissioners, we hope to do as good a job as they did.

Chosen as officers for the coming year were Adna Wilde (1975) as Chief Assayer; Jim Hunnicutt (1963) as Chief Counter and Catherine Bullowa (1965) as Chief Weigher. We have appointed Paul Whitnah (1973) as Chief Greeter. We conducted a mail vote with this Board, and are pleased to proclaim that Dan and Thelma Brown have been designated as EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES EMERITUS, and Ray and Betty Lefman have been named as GREETERS EMERITUS. This is a small token of appreciation for their dedicated services for many years. Dan and Thelma served as Executive Secretaries for 14 years, and Ray and Betty Lefman were Chief Greeters for 17 years, and had served as Executive Secretary prior to that. A small way to say "THANK YOU" to two fine couples.

This past year we lost Aubrey Bebee (1971); Arthur Majewski (1976) and Edmund Lehr (1968) by death. Other information learned is that Robert Kriz (1972) is in a convalescent home, as is Ruth Hammell (1976). Both Ralph Jaffee (1967) and Rita McAvoy (1970) are in nursing homes, and it is evident that these members will no longer be able to attend our annual meetings.

Our number is rapidly dwindling. Would you know of any who served with you on the Commission that might like to join this 'select' group? We currently have a membership of less than 100 members, and we know there are many who are eligible. Do some recruiting, please.

Clifford Mishler (1973) has offered to up-date the OTACS membership roster, for which we are deeply grateful. The current one is 10 years old and there are many changes to be made. We hope to have this ready before next years meeting, or at least for distribution at that time.

We are looking forward to Baltimore next year - probably the meeting will be Friday July 30th - so start planning now. We hope there will be a LARGE attendance.

Best wishes from

Dorothy & Al Baber
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